

Meet the Prophets

Amos and the Hidden Psalm

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Lesson Two

Three Plus Four Equals Seven

Amos 1:3–2:8

Rhetorical Devices

The Preaching of Amos

Seven Nations

1. Aram (Damascus) 1:3-5
2. Philistia (Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron) 1:6-8
3. Phoenecia (Tyre) 1:9-10
4. Edom (Teman, Bozrah) 1:11-12
5. Ammon (Rabbah) 1:13-15
6. Moab (Kerioth) 2:1-3
7. Judah (Jerusalem) 2:4-5
8. Israel 2:6-8

Seven Sins of Israel

1. They sell the righteous for silver. (Exodus 21:16)
2. They sell the needy for a pair of sandals. (Leviticus 25:25–37)
3. They trample on the heads of the poor. (Deuteronomy 15:7–8)
4. They deny justice to the oppressed. (Deuteronomy 24:17; 27:19)
5. Father and son use the same girl. (Leviticus 18:8, 15; Deuteronomy 22:23ff)
6. They lie down on garments taken in pledge. (Exodus 22:26–27; Deuteronomy 24:12–13, 17)
7. In the house of God they drink wine taken as fines. (Leviticus 10:9)

The Hidden Psalm

Amos 1:2, 4:13, 5:8 and 9:5-6

The LORD roars from Zion

And from Jerusalem He utters His voice;

And the shepherds' pasture grounds mourn,

And the summit of Carmel dries up. (1:2)

For behold, He who forms mountains and creates the wind

And declares to man what are His thoughts,

He who makes dawn into darkness

And treads on the high places of the earth,

The LORD God of hosts is His name. (4:13)

He who made the Pleiades and Orion

And changes deep darkness into morning,

Who also darkens day into night,

Who calls for the waters of the sea

And pours them out on the surface of the earth,

The LORD is His name.

It is He who flashes forth with destruction upon the strong,

So that destruction comes upon the fortress. (5:8–9)

The Lord GOD of hosts,

The One who touches the land so that it melts,

And all those who dwell in it mourn,

And all of it rises up like the Nile

And subsides like the Nile of Egypt;

The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens

And has founded His vaulted dome over the earth,

He who calls for the waters of the sea

And pours them out on the face of the earth,

The LORD is His name. (9:5-6)

Sukkot and the Water Libation

Elijah on Mount Carmel

Sukkot at Bethel (1 Kings 12:32-33)

The rebuke: Amos 5:21-24

*Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
I will not even listen to the sound of your
harps. (Amos 5:23)*

*Then I will turn your festivals into mourning
and all your songs into lamentation.
(Amos 8:10)*

Fallen Tent of David

Amos 9:7-15

God is at work among many people

Shaking Israel in Sieve

Fallen Sukkah of David

The Remnant of Edom or Adam (LXX)

אדם אדם

That the remnant of men, and all the
Gentiles upon whom my name is called,
may earnestly seek *me*, saith the Lord who
does all these things. (Amos 9:12)

The final redemption

The Gentiles of the Kingdom

Cf. Acts 15:15–18